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Classified By: Political Counselor Andrew Young, Reasons 1.4 (b/d).

(C) French MFA Zimbabwe desk officer Isabelle de Boisgelen said on July 7 that France would support the inclusion of Gideon Gono (reftel) in the EU Zimbabwe sanctions program, which would in turn facilitate European support of Gono's inclusion in the Annex to the proposed UNSC sanctions resolution. She said that the relevant Africa, IO, and EU CFSP offices had all cleared this approach.

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